infrastructural facilities such as purchase of specialised transport units, establishment of pre-cooling/ cold storage facilities, integrated post-harvest handling systems (pack houses).

4. Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging, strengthening of quality control.

5. Establishment of vapour heat treatment facilities for improving the acceptability of the product especially the mangoes in overseas markets.

6. Grant of Air Freight Subsidy for exports of selected fresh vegetables and fruits.

7. Arranging promotional campaigns such as buyer-seller meets and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions.

8. Setting up of integrated cargo handling and cold storage facilities at various International Airports for handling export of perishable items such as fresh fruits and vegetables.

9. Providing assistance for setting up of laboratories for testing of products to ensure quality; technology transfer; process upgradation and product development.

10. Providing assistance in develop ment of date-base and dissemination of market inform ation.

Export of substandard goods

2346. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any direction to Ports to prepare list of exporters who have been charged with exporting substandard goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have since received any list from the Ports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action Government have taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Instructions regarding blacklisting of exporters of sub-standard goods have been issued. The instructions *inter-atia* envisage that if after an enquiry by the Committee set up for the purpose of investigation and settlement of quality complaints at Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Cochin, Ahmedabad, Ludhiana, Mumbai, Kanpur, Calcutta & Chennai under the Chairmanship of the concerned it. Director General of Foreign Trade at the Ports, it is established that the exporter has wilfully exported subs-standard goods, such exporters including partner, proprietors and directors, as figuring in their application filed for Importer Exporter Code, shall be blacklisted and no further I.E. code shall be issued to firms having any such blacklisted persons, directors, promotors, chief executives etc. For cancellation of I.E. code or any other enforcement action envisaged by the Committee, references have to be made by them to the Diretor General of Foreign Trade.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Information regarding two exporting firms has been received from Port Offices. These firms have been blacklisted for exporting substandard goods by the O/o it. Director General of Foreign Trade, Ludhiana & Mumbai respectively.

Technology mission for increasing production of Spices

2347. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Technology Mission to increase production of Spices in the State of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and